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The Honorable Frank J. Becker  
Representative-3rd District-New York  
House Office Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

This is a republic,  
not a democracy --  
Let's keep it that way!

Dear Representative Becker:

I am in full agreement with you in your concern about the story related by, in my estimation, a complete disgrace and insult to this country, Francis Gerry Powers.

To conduct himself the way he did on trial in Russia was dispicable and the fact that Americans accept this groveling is an indication of how low our moral precepts and our national pride has shrunk. It was a ludicrous performance worthy of the fiercest sort of criticism and condemnation.

Powers was a spy, no matter how anybody cuts the cloth. He was a paid mercenary and a high paid one at that, who knew what he was getting into and, in fact, had been performing the same missions for some time. He has no business being accepted back in this country except for trail and punishment, in my opinion, and if he is to be held up as an example of courage and American fortitude then the international communist conspiracy has, indeed, done its job of brain-washing us with perfection.

To have traded a very dangerous, professional spy like Abel for such a misfit as Powers was certainly giving the communists something for nothing; an act our government has been committing since World War II. The fact that the CIA would even accept powers back again or give him a clean bill of health is a further example of our "no-win" policy and a complete lack of capability to wage a positive, aggressive campaign against our international enemy. We haven't even resumed U-2 flights out of fear. To top it all off, our Senate has acclaimed Powers; it is enough to turn a stomach.

Where doth the spirit of Nathan Hale, Patrick Henry, John Jay and other great Americans lie today? Apparently not within the bosom of modern American Spys or even within many American citizens in or out of public office.

The Powers case was a big whitewash and an evil one.

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Support the Liberty Amendment

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To abolish personal income,  
estate and gift taxes and  
Prohibit the Federal Govern-  
ment from engaging in business  
in competition with its citizens.

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Introduce it in your State  
and to the Congress  
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